

## MINUTES

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

**MAY 14, 2004**



The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on May 14, 2004 with Chair, Stu Tobin presiding.

Present were:

#### Council

Dr. Stu Tobin  
Mary Helen Adams  
Arne Almquist  
Christi Bailey  
Karl Benson  
Stan Campbell  
Ann Farmer  
Marie Gamble  
William Hansen  
Ouida Herring  
David Holt  
Carolyn Ingram  
Bill Wilson

#### KDLA

Jim Nelson  
Richard Belding  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons  
Lori Harlan  
Diane Poole  
Kelly Reed  
Christie Robinson

#### KLA Representative

Carol Nutter

#### GOPM

Geoff Pinkerton

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stu Tobin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the February 13, 2004 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

### EDUCATION CABINET UPDATE

Secretary Virginia Fox was unable to attend the Council meeting.

### KLA REPORT

Carol Nutter, KLA President, distributed a brief report on some of the activities that KLA has been involved with and is currently planning for the fall. Several professional development conferences and programs have been accomplished with the Academic Library Section and the Special Library Section joint conference at Barren River Lake State Park in April and the Kentucky Public Library Association and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association joint meeting in Lexington the first of May. There is also going to be a Kentucky School Media Association refresher session for library media specialists at Jenny Wiley State Park on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Nutter also reported that an eight member delegation from Kentucky participated in the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC on May 3-4. The eight member delegation visited and met with the offices of all Kentucky legislators and discussed issues

relating to library funding, e-rate, access to government information, privacy, fair use, and other digital copyright issues. Participants were Jim Nelson, Rose Davis from Western Ky. University, Marcia Freyman from Lexington Community College, Emmalee Hill from Twenhofel Middle School, Debra Oberhausen from Crescent Hill Branch Library, Crystal Smallwood from Dorton Elementary, Jim Wyrick from the Ky. Library Trustees Assoc., and Ms. Carol Nutter from Morehead State University.

Planning for the KLA/KSMA Joint Fall Conference is also underway with this year's focus entitled, *One Profession, One Purpose, One Promise*. Programs will hi-light common goals and stress collaboration between all types of libraries. The conference is scheduled for September 15-18 at the Galt House in Louisville. For more information about the fall conference you can visit the KLA web site at: [www.kylibasn.org](http://www.kylibasn.org).

### **LSTA UPDATE**

A copy of the LSTA 2005 Annual Program Portfolio was distributed to the Council for their review.

Diane Poole reported that on June 14-15, representatives from IMLS in Washington, DC, will be at KDLA to present program training for our staff and project managers on how to improve planning and monitoring of our LSTA programs.

Diane also distributed information about the upcoming LSTA 2005 Competitive Subgrants which will include Area Technology Consultant Subgrants, Library Automation, School/Library Partnership Subgrants, Early Childhood Development Subgrants, Library Programming, and Library Innovation Subgrants. Diane encouraged members of the Council who may be interested in volunteering to serve as reviewers of these application packets. The review sessions will be scheduled for sometime in early August. These applications are based on individual library needs, how they meet the guidelines, the required format, and the overall quality of the application. Additional information about the guidelines and format can be found at: <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/information/grants.htm>.

Several Council members were interested in participating in the review sessions and left their contact information with Jim Nelson so they can be contacted closer to the fall.

A handout was also given to the Council that was used as a key issue briefing for Legislators during National Library Legislative Day in Washington. This handout illustrates some of the major library programs and services that are supported and funded through the Library Services & Technology Act.

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS INSTITUTE UPDATE**

Kelly Reed spoke to the Council about the recent success of the Public Awareness Institutes that were held throughout the state last year. These Institute sessions were composed of selected library staff and trustees from all over the state, and included an intensive forum led by experts in public awareness. The goal was to present practical public relations methods for use in Kentucky's libraries.

These sessions gave each participant particular projects and assignments to assist them in developing and implementing their own marketing and awareness projects within their own local communities. Kelly reported that if LSTA funding is available a second session of the Public Awareness Institutes is being planned for next year.

Kelly also asked the Council if they would like to have a brief presentation at one of our future Council meeting from two or three of the participants to see the impacts of some of the things they learned and implemented in their own communities. The Council agreed it would be interesting to see some of the outcomes from the Institute, and Kelly stated that he will work on arranging a presentation for a future Council meeting.

Judith Gibbons and Kelly Reed discussed the current issue of *KDLA @ Your Library*, the current issue is on “neighborliness.” This issue has information that was gathered from a forum in Wolfe County that emphasizes value of libraries as the family-friendly cultural and community centers in our local towns. You can find that article at:  
<http://kdla.ky.gov/onlinepubs/kdla@yourlibrary/KDLA@yourlibrary.htm>.

## **STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET UPDATE**

Jim Nelson reported that neither House Bill 109 or 120 passed in the last legislative session. Jim explained that both of these bills could have had a negative impact on libraries. House Bill 109 dealt with interlocal agreements and would allow for the abolishment of library taxing districts. House Bill 120 related to the process of library board appointments and took KDLA out of the recommendation process of submitting names to local county judge/executives.

Jim Nelson advised the Council that KDLA continues to try to manage our budget as we expect additional budget cuts for our agency. We have lost funding in the bookmobile program and expect to lose some funding in the virtual library databases. KDLA is also operating with a vacancy rate of 23% in staff. Jim explained that if we have to take additional budget cuts, there may be other essential services that KDLA provides that may have to be cut.

Geoff Pinkerton from the Governor’s Office of Policy Management stated that the Governor is currently developing a Spending Plan for the Commonwealth, since a budget was not passed during the last legislative session.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Stu Tobin questioned the status of KDLA’s request for a building addition for needed record storage. Richard Belding explained that KDLA continues to request additional funding for a building addition since we continue to receive high volumes of records from other state agencies; however, in this current budget environment that request does not seem very hopefully. Richard stated that right now we are currently expanding our lease space at the records center in order to accommodate additional needed space for incoming records.
- Jim Nelson reported that he recently attended National Diversity Day sponsored by SOLINET in Atlanta, which is continuing to gather ideas on how to recruit people into the library science field. Carol Nutter also reported that KLA has formed a Recruiting and Mentoring Committee that is also addressing this issue and gathering suggestions and recommendations for attracting people into the library science profession.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**